

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-14 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended.

Claim Rejections

35 USC §112

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The Applicant has amended claim 1 and respectfully submits that the rejection to the claim under 35 USC §112 is overcome. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 USC §112, first paragraph, rejection.

35 USC §103

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Steele (US 7,265,663).

The Examiner states that the automated trigger video switching in Steele is not solely automated, it being implicit that a user needs to manually pre-program the automated switching. This is of course also the case in the present invention, as the pre-defined time intervals and positions are entered in beforehand. However, the present invention includes an additional “mode” in which the instructor may manually enter points of particular interest at the instant there occurs a particular

situation, such as the pupil overlooking a road sign, to be ready for the summing up session. In particular, reference is made to the description (i.e. the PCT pamphlet), page 2, line 20-24. Here a sequence of steps is described, including “electronically marking events and predefined “teaching points” of the driving route”. Events are not-pre-defined incidents happening during the trip. The sequence is made in succession. That is, the electronic marking of the events are made during the trip. Reference is also made to page 3, line 1-3 and the original claim 9. Signals would be recorded when the instructor “pressed the button” during the trip.

The present application, according to the pending claims 7 and 13, relates to a method for computer assisted driving lessons, comprising displaying picture/video-sequences from pre-defined time intervals in pre-defined positions along a pre-defined route as preparation before driving occurs, when driving recording video signals from the same pre-defined route, and after a driving trip, displaying the signals recorded during the trip in said pre-defined time intervals in said pre-defined positions.

It is respectfully submitted that Steele does not disclose, teach or suggest such a method. Steele discloses that the media player contains “pre-ride educational material”, supposedly for viewing by a trainee before driving commences, that signals are recorded in pre-defined positions during laps on a race-track, and that the recording may later be played back, showing a comparison between two drivers;

the trainee and a professional driver. The focus on critical points, i.e. said pre-defined time intervals in said pre-defined positions, which is a main issue of the present invention, is not mentioned in Steele. Steele describes quite another situation from the present invention which teaches driving on common roads, in that the trainee learns driving on a closed race-track, without any instructor present in the car. Lastly, there is no analysis of the trip.

The present application provides a method for giving driving lessons that is very instructive by giving concentrated instructions on specific problem points along a route, driving through the same points, and later observing the pupil's way of handling said points. This provides a repetitive focus on difficulties that must be handled by a driver.

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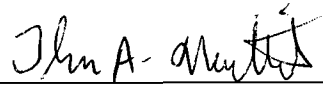
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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